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### READING MAKETH THE FULL MAN

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Sir Francis Bacon, in his essay on "Studies," makes the significant statement that "reading maketh the full man." Two obvious truths are contained in this epigram. Thoughtful reading is universally recognized as a means by which men extend the limits of their knowledge. Again, those men whose knowledge is most extensive, and who have the power to apply it effectively in accomplishing some useful purpose, constantly find the printed page one of the most prolific sources of helpful suggestions as to the best ways and means of doing things.

In America books in the field of the social sciences have only recently come to be written in comparatively large numbers. Thousands of the problems involved in the big task of perfecting organized society which must receive careful study and concerning which men in general must be informed, have only recently been made the subject of special investigation. Consequently, the average American, however much he may have read of literature or history or the sciences, has not been an extensive reader of the literature of the social sciences, and therefore, cannot bring a full knowledge to bear upon those things which affect for good or ill the public welfare.

THE JOURNAL OF SOCIAL FORCES cannot change this situation materially. Large bodies of men who have not been familiar with social movements cannot be made to become so overnight. However, through its longer articles, THE JOURNAL does hope to acquaint that part of the general public it reaches with some of the tendencies and forces which are at work in society today, and particularly through notices of books, monographs, bearing upon social subjects and other "tools" of progress, to assist in bringing about a better understanding of them.

To this end, the attention of the readers of THE JOURNAL is directed to the book notices which appear immediately below and which will appear

### CONTRIBUTORS TO THIS NUMBER OF THE JOURNAL

That Professor *Franklin H. Giddings* has written the leading article for the charter number of THE JOURNAL OF SOCIAL FORCES gives rise not only to great satisfaction on the part of its editors and constituency, but also to a definite obligation to maintain for THE JOURNAL a uniform standard of excellence. As Professor of Sociology and the History of Civilization in Columbia University, editor of the "Inter-Weekly Independent," writer of volumes of permanent value, he has made many valuable contributions to dependable sociology and statesmanship. The dean of modern sociologists, himself thinking clearly and fearlessly, advocating social righteousness, has contributed powerfully to the development of the potential of America's thinking.

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in subsequent numbers. They are prepared in the hope that they may lead to a more extensive reading of the literature of social forces and, thereby, to the creation of a larger group of "full" men in this particular field.

### BOOK NOTICES\*

THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDER AND HIS HOMELAND. John C. Campbell, Russell Sage Foundation, New York, 1921. pp. xvi—405.

The author of *The Southern Highlander* when he worked and when he wrote embodied an ideal which ought to be followed by all those who study groups of people in the home environment. This ideal included the inquiring mind, accurate and careful methods, sympathy that brings understanding, knowledge of the background and of the present, and the ability to present and interpret adequately the facts in the case. And for this reason the volume is a contribution of permanent value, especially adapted to the readers of THE JOURNAL of SOCIAL FORCES. From the descriptive chapters through to the "The New Appeal" Dr. Campbell maintained a high standard and his bibliography and appendices, including valuable statistical tables conclude the remarkable story presented by the late secretary of the Southern Highland Division of the Russell Sage Foundation. One could wish that it might be read by every student of American social problems.

CRIME, ITS CAUSE AND TREATMENT. By Clarence Darrow. New York: Thomas Y. Crowell Company, 1922. Pp. 292.

Those interested in the care and treatment of criminals will find in this book a clear statement of this perplexing problem from the point of view of those who contend that crime, as much as insanity and disease, deserves intelligent treatment at the hands of wise and humane specialists. The author is a lawyer with considerable experience in criminal cases and writes both out of his observations in court and his studies in criminology. The book is adapted to the needs of the general public rather than to the specialist and deserves wide reading.

THE SETTLEMENT HORIZON. By Robert A. Woods and Albert J. Kennedy. New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 1922. Pp. 499.

This pretentious volume, prepared by the joint secretaries of the National Federation of Settlements, is an authoritative and thoroughgoing discussion of the work and aims of the social settlement movement in this country. Beginning with an account of the establishment of the first social settlements in England and America, the remaining chapters present a vivid picture of their varied activities and indicate how important social and civic problems have been dealt with by settle-

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Association of County Superintendents. *Worth Tippy* reinforces his former statements as executive secretary of the Department of Social Service of the Federal Council of Churches of America. *A. W. McAlister* is president of the Southern Life and Trust Company. *M. Ashby Jones* is pastor of the Ponce de Leon Baptist Church of Atlanta. *Will W. Alexander* is secretary of the Committee on Inter-Racial Relations. *Robert H. Ruff* is a member of the staff of the Extension Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. *E. C. Branson* is well known to readers of the JOURNAL through his continuous researches and publications on rural social economics; he is Kenan Professor in the University of North Carolina. *Eduard C. Lindeman* is executive secretary of the American Country Life Association. *T. B. Eldridge* is Mayor of Raleigh, North Carolina. *Howard W. Odum* is Kenan Professor of Sociology, and Director of the School of Public Welfare in the University of North Carolina. *Miss Gertrude Weil* is secretary of the North Carolina League of Women Voters. *Miss Nellie Roberson* is chief of the Bureau of Public Discussion, Extension Division, University of North Carolina. *L. R. Wilson* is Kenan Professor of Library Administration and director of the Library, and of the University Press, University of North Carolina. His work in developing the North Carolina Extension Division during the last decade has received merited recognition.

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\* THE JOURNAL will vary its method in regard to new books. In this number a brief descriptive announcement will be the rule. In other numbers careful reviews will alternate with short notices.